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--- On Tue, 2/24/09, Gloria LaMott <findapetnow@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Gloria LaMott <findapetnow@yahoo.com>  
Subject: SB 221  
To: mt-animal-legislation@googlegroups.com  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been involved in animal rescue for the past 10 years, working with our local Humane Society & now the Great Falls Animal Shelter, as well as an organization, Pet Paw-See, a non-profit that fosters and re homes animals.

I currently have two Maltese dogs that our Great Falls Police Dept took away from the owner because of neglect. I know of the owner, Mark Huestis. He believed that no one could care for these little dogs & that the only place they were safe was in a kennel. When the police department took the four live ones they also picked up one dead one. Mark had bred these dogs for years and the few that he did sell, several of them have passed away because of genetic problems, that he continued to breed in to these tiny little dogs. The vet took 3 hours each dog, just to clip away the filth and dried feces caked around their eyes. The dogs were shaved to the skin. This man kept these animals in filth, never seeing the sunshine and convinced that no one else could care for them.

Three blocks from where I live, 15th. Street & 6th. Avenue North, a house was completely torn down, because of a woman who had 50 - 60 cats. A vet was called in to euthanize on the premises. The house is gone, the cats were wild and sick, continuing to produce litter after litter of sick animals, animals with no future. Can you imagine how sick the people who lived there were?

I have worked with HSUS where animals were removed because of neglect. It is, without a doubt some of the hardest work I have ever done. I have more experiences and I am only one person, imagine the hundreds of folks who have worked these hoarding cases.

Please for the sake of our companion animals, as well as our communities, help prevent hoarding only you can help.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

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